

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 723 – HB 1645

March 27, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Memphis City School System to create a separate police force and security department. Sets forth provisions for training and powers of police and security officers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures – \$278,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Memphis City Schools currently contracts with the city of Memphis for police presence in the school system. The district is served by 68 “mobile security officers” and 45 regular Memphis Police Department officers, a total of 113.
- The new school police force would have approximately 90 sworn officers.
- In FY08-09, the district will spend approximately \$10,398,240 in police personnel costs. If a special force were to be created, the expenditures for personnel in FY09-10 are estimated to be \$10,120,165, a savings of \$278,075 (\$10,398,240 - \$10,120,165).
- The new police force will have 23 fewer personnel than the current system with more sworn officers but no “mobile security officers”. Some personnel may transfer into the new system. It is anticipated that the recurring costs of the current contract and the recurring cost of the new system will remain approximately \$278,000 apart in subsequent years, achieving a relative savings each year.
- In January 2008, a feasibility study for a school police force was completed. This study projected a three-year transition from the current system to the new.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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